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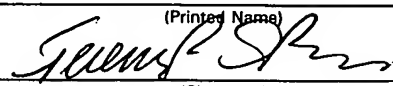
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Severa et al

Title: GAME RACQUET WITH
SEPARATE HEAD AND
HANDLE PORTIONS FOR
REDUCING VIBRATION

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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action, which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document that is determined to be a prima facie art reference against the claims of the present application.

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(1), the first two European references, DE 91 12 748U and FR 2 579 898A and two U.S. patents 4,746,119 and 5,865,694 are being submitted before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application and are accompanied with the following statement and the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). The first two European references and the two U.S. references contained in this supplemental information disclosure statement were first cited in a Communication Pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC from the European Patent Office, dated June 16, 2004 but which was received by Applicants on August 9, 2004.

The remaining references were previously included in the prosecution history file of the parent application of the present invention, and are included again for information only.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

U.S. Patents 4,746,119 and 5,865,694 are in English, DE 91 12 748 U is in German, and FR 2 579 898A is in French.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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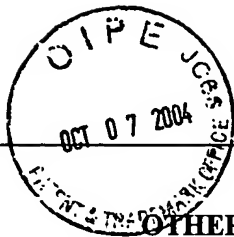
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EXAMINER INITIAL	REF.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
		4,746,119	05/24/88	Jeanrot	273	73	01/24/86
		5,865,694	02/02/99	Duong-Van	473	520	03/26/98
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		FR 2 579 898 A	10/10/856	Jeanrot			
		EP 0 214 952 A	03/18/87	Head Sportgeraete GmbH			
		DE 3521 621 A	01/1986	Ernst			
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